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SUBJECT: NEB MEETING WITH FEA, DECEMBER 2, 1976

1. NEB TEAM LED BY BILL PORTER MET IN WASHINGTON ON DECEMBER 2 WITH FEA TEAM LED BY BART HOUSE. CANADIANS INITIATED MEETING TO DISCUSS CRUDE OIL EXPORTS TO US DURING FIRST HALF OF 1977.

2. NEB AND FEA AGREED THAT OIL AVAILABLE TO PRIORITY I REFINERS SHOULD AVERAGE 264,000 B/D OVER THE SIX MONTHS. THEREFORE, FEA WILL ALLOCATE 283,000 B/D TO PRIORITY I REFINERS DURING THE FIRST QUARTER. THE REMAINDER OF THE 305,000 B/D WHICH CANADA WILL EXPORT DURING THE FIRST QUARTER WILL BE ALLOCATED AMONG PRIORITY II REFINERS. DURING THE SECOND QUARTER CANADA WILL AUTHORIZE ONLY 245,000 B/D OF EXPORTS, ALL OF WHICH FEA WILL ALLOCATE TO PRIORITY I. PRIORITY I RECEIPTS OF 283,000 B/D DURING THE FIRST QUARTER PLUS 245,000 B/D DURING THE SECOND QUARTER AVERAGE TO 264,000 B/D OVER THE TWO QUARTERS. THE 264,000 B/D IS THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

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OF PRIORITY I REFINERS WHICH MUST BE MET BEFORE CANADIAN

CRUDE CAN BE ALLOCATED TO PRIORITY II REFINERS.

3. NEB SOUGHT ASSURANCES THAT IF PRIORITY I REFINERS DO NOT PURCHASE HEAVY OIL AUTHORIZED FOR EXPORT, FEA WILL ALLOW PRIORITY II REFINERS TO PURCHASE IT. CURRENT REGULATIONS PROHIBIT SUCH A TRANSACTION.

4. HOUSE TOLD CANADIANS FEA WOULD DO WHATEVER IT CAN TO GIVE U.S. REFINERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE OIL WHICH CANADA AUTHORIZES FOR EXPORT.

5. NEB AND FEA AGREED TO MEET AGAIN DURING WEEK OF DECEMBER 6 TO WORK OUT ALLOCATIONS FOR JANUARY. BY THEN NEB WILL HAVE NOMINATIONS FOR JANUARY WHICH WILL GIVE A PRELIMINARY INDICATION OF DEMAND FOR HEAVY OIL. ROBINSON

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